POWERED MONITORS From Fender Pro Audio

Owner's Manual for Power Stage 100

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Fender knows the importance of sound reinforcement. From the simple box-top mixer to today's professional touring concert systems, the need to communicate, to make the connection between the performer and the audience is foremost in Fender's mind.

Perhaps no other single piece of gear can make or break your band's sound. You see, your sound system is more than just a combination of dials, wires and speakers. It is an integral part of the audio chain and should be treated with special care and attention to detail.

At Fender, we know what building quality musical instruments and sound reinforcement equipment is all about. In fact, many of the world's best sounding electric musical instruments and sound reinforcement equipment proudly wear the Fender name.

Whether you need a simple box top powered mixer for your Saturday afternoon jam, or a professional full-size concert system, Fender has the sound reinforcement equipment to meet your needs. Likewise, your decision to purchase Fender pro audio gear is one you will appreciate with each performance for years to come.

Wishing you years of enjoyment and a heartfelt thank you,

Bill Schultz Chairman

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Fender Musical Instruments Corporation

POWERSTAGE 100 PROFESSIONAL POWERED MONITOR SYSTEM

INTRODUCTION

Detachable Wired Remote Control Panel

Variable Corner Low Pass Frequency Filter and Two Variable Center Frequency Notch Filters

1/4 inch Stereo Headphone Jack

Bass/Treble Boost with Bypass Switch

Phantom Power

Both 1/4 inch Phone TRS and 3-Pin XLR Female Input Connectors

Insert Patch Point for Signal Processing Devices

1/4 inch Phone Output Jack for the Optional PowerStage Xpander

Coaxial Speaker System

Tough Metal Grille

Carpet Covered Cabinet with Three Angles of Orientation 45°, 25° and 0°

The PowerStage 100: a 100 watt powered monitor and general purpose compact sound system from your friends at Fender® Pro Audio. We are sure you will find the PowerStage 100 to be both a unique and effective sound reinforcement product, providing years of trouble-free service.

Enclosed in a quasi-trapezoidal floor monitor style cabinet, the PowerStage 100 includes a 3 channel preamp, a power amp, a power supply and a full-range coaxial speaker system. With three angles of orientation, inputs for microphones and a variety of musical instruments, the PowerStage 100 is suitable for nearly every monitoring application. The PowerStage 100 also features a unique detachable wired remote control panel. All volume levels and frequency shaping can be controlled via the remote panel allowing for adjustments from the "performance position".

The versatile input panel and detachable remote control unit combined with the 100 watt power amplifier makes the PowerStage 100 the perfect general purpose compact sound system. With phantom power, 1/4 inch phone TRS and 3-Pin XLR female input connectors and a stereo RCA input connection, the PowerStage 100 can accommodate almost any input signal. By connecting a multi-effects unit through the insert jack and adding the optional PowerStage Xpander 100, you now have a PA system ready for any small club or intimate setting.

WARNING:

- TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS UNIT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.
- NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE, REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONAL ONLY.
- THIS UNIT MUST BE EARTH GROUNDED.

CONTROL PANEL FUNCTIONS

Designed for maximum flexibility, the wired remote control section is the "brain" of the PowerStage 100. Whether hand held or mounted to a mic stand, the wired remote control unit governs all volume levels, frequency shaping and features a 1/4 inch headphone jack for personal monitoring. Constructed from rugged 18 gauge electrogalvanized steel and secured in place via ball stud and Tinnerman clips, the remote unit handles the most demanding, day to day setup and performance situations.



A. MIC 1 - The Mic 1 volume control. Rotating the knob clockwise increases volume. Because the Mic 1 input and the Mic 1 output connections are "daisy chained", adjusting the volume control will not affect the Mic 1 output signal to the main mixing console.

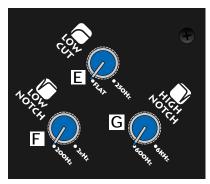
B. MIC 2 / INST - The Mic 2 / Inst volume control. Rotating the knob clockwise increases volume. Any adjustments to this control will affect both the Mic 2 and the Inst output volume.

C. LINE - The Aux Line / Stereo Line volume control. Rotating the knob clockwise increases volume. Any adjustments to this control will affect both the Aux Line and the Stereo Line volume.

D. MASTER LEVEL - Adjusts the overall volume level of the PowerStage 100. Again,

rotating the knob clockwise increases volume. If the optional PowerStage Xpander 100 is connected to the system, the master level also controls the output volume for the other unit.

E. LOW CUT - Designed to attenuate low frequency noise or "stage rumble", the Low CUT knob is a variable corner (shelving) frequency control. By slowly rotating the knob, any undesirable low frequency noise, such as rumbling of a rocking microphone stand, can be diminished.

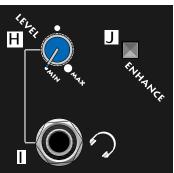


F. LOW NOTCH-Designed to attenuate feedback or othersome hums, the Low NOTCH control is a constant Q, variable center frequency filter. The control

attenuates frequencies between 200Hz and 2kHz. By **slowly** rotating the knob to locate the feedback frequency, it can be diminished.

G. HIGH NOTCH - Designed to attenuate feedback or other bothersome hums, the HIGH NOTCH control is a constant Q, variable center frequency filter. The control attenuates frequencies between 600Hz and 6kHz. By slowly rotating the knob to locate the feedback frequency, it can be diminished.

H. LEVEL - Adjusts the volume level of the headphone output. Caution: Prolonged listening at high volume levels may be hazardous to your hearing and could possibly cause hearing damage.



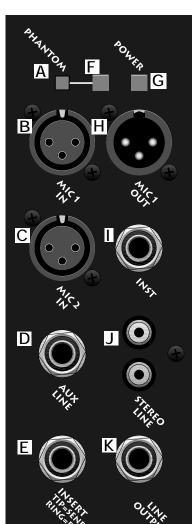
I. \(\hat{\Omega}\) - A 1/4 inch stereo output jack for use with headphones.

J. ENHANCE - Pressing this button in provides an increase in the bass and treble response of the PowerStage 100.

INPUT PANEL FUNCTIONS

- A. PHANTOM When this button is pressed, a +15 V D.C. Phantom Power supply is activated, necessary for some condenser style microphones. Before plugging or unplugging any microphone, make sure the Phantom Power supply is off
- B. MIC 1 IN Plug your microphone in here. This three pin XLR balanced female input connector is intended for input signals from low impedance microphones.
- C. MIC 2 IN An additional balanced microphone input for the PowerStage 100. Both the Mic 2 IN and the INST jack can be used simultaneously, however, any adjustments to the Mic 2 / INST control knob will affect the volume of both the Mic 2 and Instrument inputs.
- D. AUX. LINE A 1/4 inch TRS balanced input jack suited for use with items having a line level output. Both the AUX LINE and the STEREO LINE jack can be used simultaneously but remember, any adjustments to the AUX LINE / STEREO LINE control knob will affect the volume of both the AUX LINE / STEREO LINE inputs.
- E. INSERT A 1/4 inch unbalanced TRS input / output phone jack designed for use with signal processing devices, such as a digital

delay or a reverb unit. A special "Y" line cord (stereo to 2 mono) is required to use this jack. On the PowerStage 100, the tip is the send and the ring is the return.



- **F. PHANTOM POWER LED** This LED illuminates when the phantom power supply is on.
- **G. POWER LED** This LED illuminates when the PowerStage 100 is on.
- H. MIC 1 OUT This three pin XLR balanced male output connector is used to send the MIC 1 input signal unmodified out to a mixing console.
- I. INST A 1/4 inch TS unbalanced input jack suited for use with instrument level signals such as an acoustic guitar, a keyboard or a drum machine. Remember, any adjustments to the Mic 2 / INST control knob will affect the volume of both the Mic 2 and Instrument inputs.
- J. STEREO LINE These are unbalanced phono (RCA) input jacks designed for use with a stereo tape player, CD player, etc. These jacks produce a mono signal out and are useful for playing prerecorded music. Adjustments to the AUX LINE/STEREO LINE control knob will affect the volume of both the AUX LINE / STEREO LINE inputs.
- **K. LINE OUTPUT** A 1/4 inch TRS unbalanced output jack designed to feed the optional PowerStage Xpander 100.

POWER SECTION



L. SUPPLY CORD JACK - The supply cord connects here. This is a grounding type supply cord to reduce the possibility of shock hazard. Be sure to connect it to a grounded receptacle. DO NOT ALTER THE AC PLUG.



M.POWER SWITCH - Turns the AC power ON and OFF. When the switch is in the OFF position, the PowerStage 100 is completely shut down.

WIRING AND CONNECTIONS



The PowerStage 100 utilizes a variety of connectors on its input panel. Below is a chart listing the various types of connectors on the PowerStage 100.

Jack	Style	Connection	Pin Out
MIC 1 IN	XLR Female	Balanced Input	Pin 1 = GND Pin 2 = POS Pin 3 = NEG
MIC 1 OUT	XLR Male	Balanced Output	Pin 1 = GND Pin 2 = POS Pin 3 = NEG
MIC 2 IN	XLR Female	Balanced Input	Pin 1 = GND Pin 2 = POS Pin 3 = NEG
INST	1/4" TS	Unbalanced Input	Tip = Input Signal Sleeve = GND
AUX LINE	1/4" TRS	Balanced Input	Tip = POS Signal Ring = NEG Signal Sleeve = GND
STEREO LINE	Dual RCA	Unbalanced Input	Inner Ring = Signal Outer Shell = GND
INSERT	1/4" TRS	Unbalanced Input/Output	Tip = Send (output) Ring = Return (input) Sleeve = GND
LINE OUTPUT	1/4" TRS	Unbalanced Output	Tip = Signal Output Ring = Terminated 100Ω to GND Sleeve = GND

SETTING UP THE POWERSTAGE 100



Before using the PowerStage 100, please read and follow the steps listed below:

- 1. Heed all safety warnings when operating the PowerStage 100.
- 2. Make sure the power switch is in the OFF position and all volume levels are in the Min position.
- 3. Plug the female end of the supply cord into the Supply Cord Jack (item L page 5) of the PowerStage 100. Next, plug the supply cord into a power source with the correct voltage.
- 4. Connect the cord(s) from your microphone or other signal source(s) to the PowerStage 100's input jack(s).
- 5. If you have a PowerStage Xpander 100, connect it to the PowerStage 100 via the 1/4" Line Output Jack (item K).
- 6. First, turn all outboard gear, instruments and other equipment ON, then the PowerStage 100.
- 7. Adjust volume levels to the appropriate levels, listening for feedback or other ringing.
- 8. If feedback is encountered, rotate the appropriate (LOW or HIGH band) frequency notch filter control down to its lowest position. Next, **slowly** turn the frequency control knob to pinpoint the location of the problem frequency and cancel it.
- 9. Steps 7 and 8 may need to be performed more than once if several feedback problems occur.

For more detail on setting up your PowerStage 100, please refer to the diagrams on pages 8 thru 11.

GROUNDING AND HUMS



Ground loops are probably the most common cause of hum and buzz in sound reinforcement systems and other audio products. A ground loop usually occurs if the separate pieces of equipment are plugged into different AC

circuits. Also, if the audio wiring is placed too close to the power cords, hums or buzzes can bleed into the system. Still, improperly maintained power and audio cables are yet another cause of bothersome noise. In order to help minimize stray hums and buzzes, here are some helpful hints.

- 1. Keep all electronics connected to the sound system on the same electrical circuit.
- 2. Keep audio signals cables away from the AC power cords.
- 3. Use balanced cables when applicable.
- 4. Always plug the PowerStage 100 into a grounded AC electrical outlet.
- 5. Be sure to use properly maintained cords and cables with the PowerStage 100.

CARPET COVERING CARE



The PowerStage 100 is covered in a tough, soil resistant synthetic indoor/outdoor carpet for long life and lasting good looks. To clean the carpeted cabinet, use a brush to wipe

away any smudges or dirt. For stubborn stains, a sponge with a light soapy solution may be used. Avoid spilling liquids on the operating surface, heat sink, grille, volume and tone controls, switches and speakers. ALWAYS unplug the PowerStage 100 before cleaning it and wait until it has dried before plugging in the PowerStage 100.

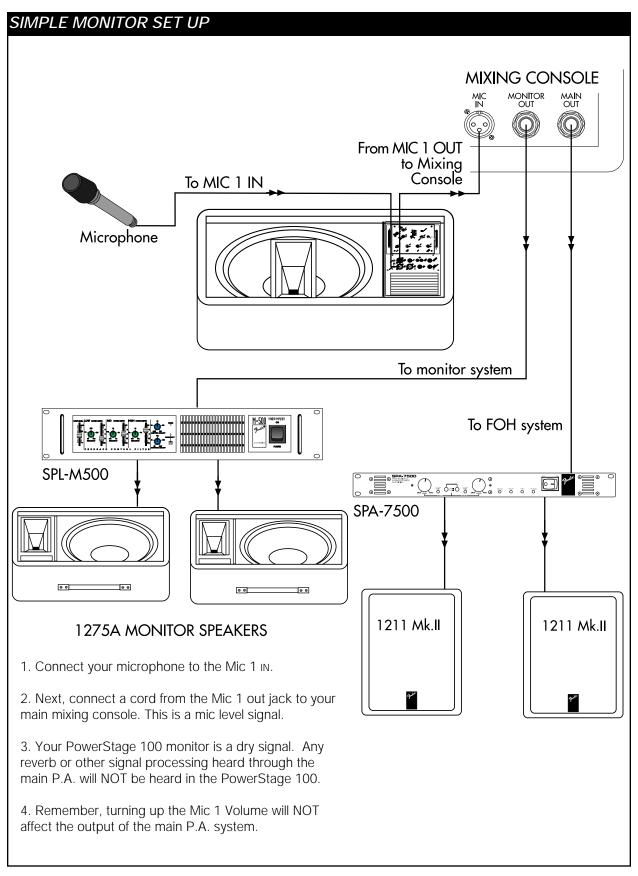
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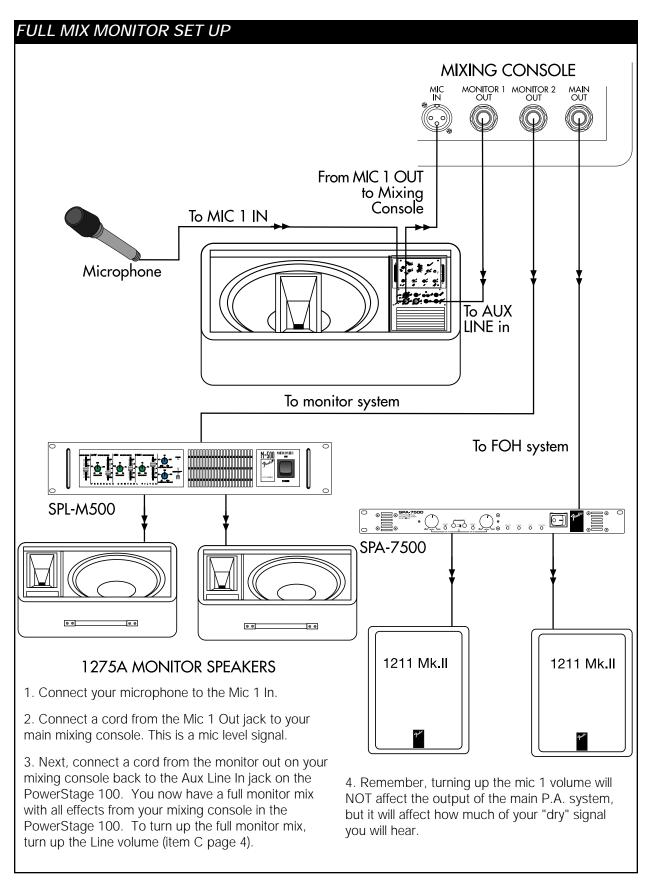


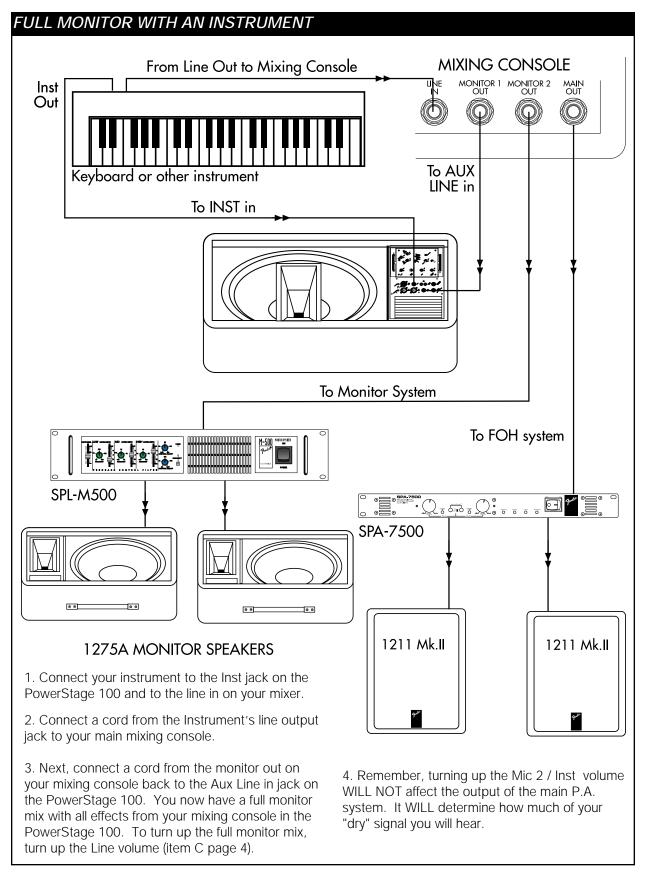
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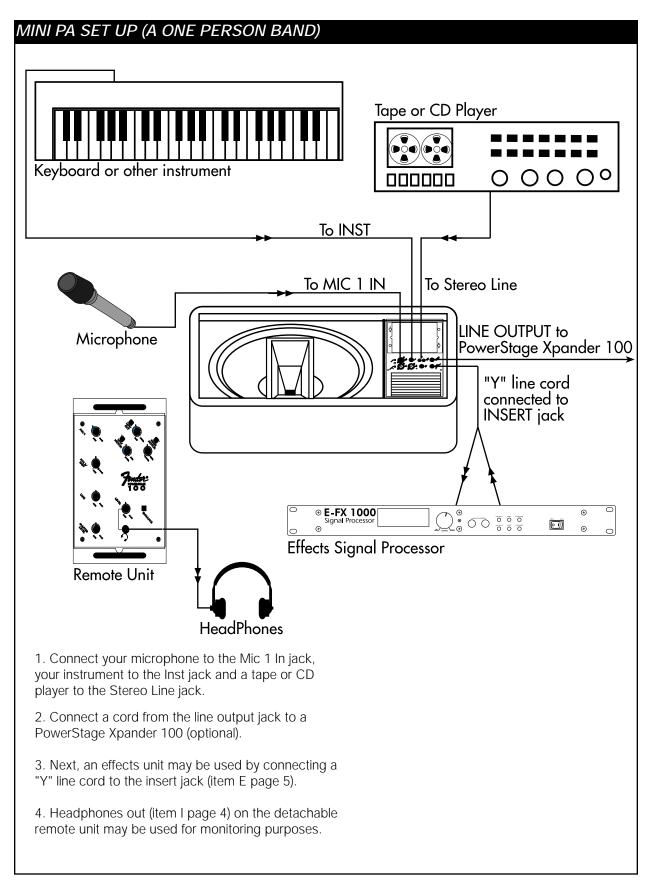
- Is the PowerStage 100's power cord properly plugged into an electrical outlet?
- Is the power cord properly plugged into the Power Stage 100's Supply Cord Jack?
- Is there power at the outlet?
- Does your instrument have power?
- Are the volume control knobs on the Power Stage turned above the Min position?
- Are the volume control knobs on your instruments turned above their minimum position?
- Is the mic/instrument properly plugged into the Power Stage 100?
- Is the mic/instrument turned on?
- Are your audio cables frayed, cut or damaged?
- If using a condenser mic, is the phantom power turned on?
- If using an effects processor, is the "Y" line cord properly connected?

If after checking all of the above the PowerStage 100 is still not performing correctly, consult your authorized Fender Service Center.









SPECIFICATIONS

DESIGNATION TYPE PR 306

PART NUMBER 071-0100-000 (120 V)

071-0100-030 (240 V) Aust 071-0100-040 (230 V) UK

071-0100-060 (230 V) Euro

POWER SPECIFICATION 120 V version: 120 VAC, 60 Hz 360 W

230 V version: 230 VAC, 50 Hz 360 W 240 V version: 240 VAC, 50 Hz 360 W

THIS EQUIPMENT CONFORMS TO THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIVES: EMC 89/336/EEC AND LV 73/23/EEC

PREAMP

Ch. 1 System Gain Mic 1 0 dB to +90 dB Preamp Gain Mic 1 0 dB to +60 dB

Input Level Nominal Mic 1 -28 dBV
Minimum Mic 1 -60 dBV
Maximum Mic 1 0 dBV

 $\begin{array}{lll} \text{Input Impedance} & \text{Mic 1} & 2 \text{ k} \Omega \\ \text{Phantom Voltage} & \text{Mic 1} & +15 \text{ V} \end{array}$

Ch. 2 System Gain Mic 2 0 dB to +90 dB Inst 0 dB to +75 dB Preamp Gain Mic 2 0 dB to +60 dB Inst 0 dB to +47 dB

Input Level Nominal Mic 2 -28 dBV Inst -24 dBV Minimum Mic 2 -60 dBV Inst -47 dBV

Phantom Voltage Mic 2 +15 V

Ch. 3 System Gain Aux Line 0 dB to +60 dB Stereo line 0 dB to +70 dB/side Preamp Gain Aux Line 0 dB to +28 dB Stereo line 0 dB to +33 dB/side

Input Level Nominal Aux Line -21 dBV Stereo line -26 dBV/side

Minimum Aux Line -28 dBV Stereo line -33 dBV/side

Maximum Aux Line +20 dBV Stereo line +5 dBV/side

Input Impedance Aux Line 20 k Ω Stereo line 25 k Ω /side

LOW CUT Corner Frequency -3 dB @ 30 Hz to 270 Hz

FILTER Slope -12 dB / Octave

LOW NOTCH Center Frequency 200 Hz to 2 kHz

FILTER Depth -20 dB

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HIGH NOTCH Center Frequency 600 Hz to 6 kHz

FILTER Depth -20 dB

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ENHANCE Low Boost +9 dB @ 100 Hz High Boost +5 dB @ 4 kHz

HEADPHONES Maximum Output 14 mW into 8 Ω , 1% THD + Noise 165 mW into 300 Ω , 1% THD + Noise

POWER AMP Nominal Power 100 W into 8 Ω. <0.05% THD+Noise @ 1kl

Nominal Power
 Maximum Power
 Frequency Response
 100 W into 8 Ω, <0.05% THD+Noise @ 1kHz
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Input Sensitivity 1 V RMS, 0 dBV

DIMENSIONS (At 25°) Height: 18 in 45.7 cm

Width: 23.5 in 59.7 cm
Depth: 12 in 30.5 cm
Weight: 45 lbs 20.4 kg

Product specifications are subject to change without notice.

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